

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Lao at the interview held August 30 interview are gratefully appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because the recitation of "placing the object on the physically manipulatable device changes the stored information about the user" is not disclosed in the specification. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, independent claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are amended to recite "placing the object on the physically manipulatable device provides recognition of the user," which is supported in the specification at, for example, paragraph [0025]. Thus, independent claims 1, 3, 5 and 7, and their dependent claims, now fulfill the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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